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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL: 51ST SESSION OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. 51ST SESSION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF CUSTOMS COOPERATION
COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, BRUSSELS, MAY 8-11,
1978, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF J.M. CHESWORTH (AUSTRALIA)
WITH DELEGATES FROM 13 MEMBER COUNTRIES. FINANCE COMMITTEE
(FC) TOOK FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

2. APPROVED PROPOSED 1978/7 BUDGET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
AMOUNTS REQUESTED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICER
FOR THE VALUATION DIRECTORATE AND ONE LIBRARIAN POSITION.
THE LIBRARIAN POSITION IS TO BE FILLED AS A TEMPORARY POST.

3. ACCEPTED OFFER FROM THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION
TO SET UP A DATA RETRIEVAL SYSTEM TO ENABLE NOMENCLATURE
DOCUMENTATION CENTER TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS A FRENCH DATA
STORAGE UNIT IN ORDER TO UPDATE NOMENCLATURE DATA AND PRO-
VIDE MORE TIMELY RESPONSE TO COUNTRIES REQUESTING NOMEN-
CLATURE INFORMATION.

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4. AUTHORIZED SIX-MONTH TRIAL OF WORD PROCESSING EQUIP-
MENT WITH OPTION TO APPLY RENTAL COSTS TOWARD PURCHASE
PRICE IF TRIAL PROVES USEFUL.

5. APPROVED FURTHER STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF WHICH INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE USED FOR COMPARISON OF CCC

POSITIONS. FOR THE PRESENT, THE REFERENCE ORGANIZATION IS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. CCC SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDED THAT FC ADOPT EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' PROPOSED COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES. FC FOUND THESE INCREASES ACCEPTABLE BUT DOES NOT ENDORSE AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENT WITH EC.

6. ENDORSED EFFORTS OF SIR RONALD RADFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREMISES COMMITTEE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CCC IN ITS QUEST FOR NEW QUARTERS. THE COMMITTEE INSPECTED A BUILDING LOCATED AT 26/38 RUE DE L'INDUSTRIE BRUSSELS WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED AS A POSSIBLE SITE.

7. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS HANDLED IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. POSITIONS.

8. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 3, 1978 IN BRUSSELS. CHAMBERS

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